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PRIORITY

Bradshaw, IRCA Railway President, says super structure large steel railway bridge at Gualan (mile 82 from Puerto Barrios) damaged by aerial bomb or sabotage at 1:50 a.m. June 19. Due to lack reliable information on extent damage, he is unable estimate time needed for repair but fears at least several days will be required for construction to temporary bridge. Repair of washout at el Carrizo, mile 163, expected to be completed 1 p.m., and at San Pablo, mile 89 (EMBTEL 998, June 15) midnight June 19-20.

Party of about 150 armed men with two bursts machinegun fire stopped regular train to Puerto Barrios at Cayuza and forced it carry party back to Entrerios where party disappeared.

Rail and telegraphic service Zacapa to Salvadoran frontier normal.

Bradshaw reports Carlos Jose Arzano l Altamiros whom he described as Chief of Propaganda Office of National Agrarian Department last night sent telegram from Bananera to President Arbenz, chief of armed forces, chief of police and labor leaders warning them 100 Hondurans were in Champona and 5000 local men were back of them.

Stationmaster Moran near Guatemala City on Pacific side reported about twelve packages dropped by parachute last night. Police patrols sent to pick up packages but Bradshaw has no (repeat no) information on their success.

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